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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROTECTING BUILDINGS FROM SUBSURFACE GASES

the specification of which is attached hereto.

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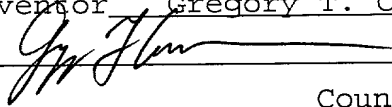
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56(a).

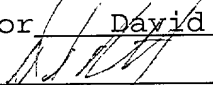
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**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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I am the inventor of the invention disclosed in an application for United States patent entitled:

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROTECTING BUILDINGS  
FROM SUBSURFACE GASES**

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